

Human Services Commission Meeting
March 14, 2012

Attendance:

Dee Ann Ryan, Vermilion County Mental Health; Toni Irving, Governor's Office; Ngoan Le, Chicago Community Trust; Jennifer Welch (proxy), Chicago Department of Family and Support Services; Joe Antolin, Heartland Alliance; Larry Joseph (proxy), Voices for Illinois Children; Nancy Radner (proxy), Ounce of Prevention Fund; Andy Wade (proxy), Metropolitan Family Services; Maria Pesqueira, Mujeres Latinas; Secretary Michelle Saddler, Department of Human Services; Nancy Ronquillo, Childrens Home and Aid; Marco Jacome, Healthcare Alternatives System; Sharron Matthews (proxy), Department of Health and Family Services; Ray Vasquez, YMCA ; Arthur Dykstra, Trinity Services, Inc.; Interim Director Arthur Kohrman, Department of Public Health; Anne Irving, AFSCME Council 31; Director John Holton, Department on Aging; Wendy DuBoe, United Way; Luke Hardigan (proxy), Department of Corrections; Mark Doyle, Governor's Office; Neli Vazquez-Rowland, A Safe Haven; Shawn Jeffers, Little City Foundation

Phone:

Maggie Laslo, SEIU HCII; Michelle Carmichael (proxy), ISBE; Representative Naomi Jakobsson, Polly Poskin, Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault; J. Maichle Bacon, Illinois Public Health Association; Nancy Bluhm, Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators; Representative Sara Feigenholtz

1. Toni Irving welcomed the commissioners, introduced new members and reviewed the meeting's agenda
2. The Commission reviewed the minutes from January's meeting. Upon review of the minutes, changes were made to add Commissioner Marco Jacome and Delia Coleman, proxy for Valerie Lies, to the attendee list. Minutes were approved with the changes noted.
3. Larry Joseph provided handouts at the meeting and went over key points on the Governor's FY13 proposed budget's impact on human services.
 - Some government sectors took harder hits than others in the proposed budget:
 - Agencies receiving more funding in FY13 General Funds:
 - Dept. on Aging
 - Ill. Student Asst. Commission
 - State Board of Education
 - State universities
 - Dept. of Veterans' Affairs
 - Agencies receiving less funding in FY13 General Funds:
 - Dept. of Corrections
 - DCFS
 - State Police
 - Dept. of Juvenile Justice
 - Dept. of Public Health

- Dept. of Human Services
- *Net* changes in Human Services funding
 - Home Services Program: Reduction, \$4.4 million
 - Developmental Disabilities: Increase, \$190 million
 - Mental Health: Reduction, \$46.2 million
 - Child Care Assistance: Reduction, \$16.7 M
- TANF recipients increased from FY11 to 12 by 23,100 but funding for TANF decreased by \$46.6 M
- In FY 13, DHFS's Medical Assistance program will have \$11.5B in program liabilities
 - Components of medical assistance liabilities:
 - FY 2012
 - Enrollment growth
 - Expiration of enhanced federal matching funds
 - Inadequate appropriations
 - FY 2013
 - Funding gap in FY12
 - Enrollment growth
 - Plan to freeze GRF appropriation
- General Fund revenue estimates (excluding federal sources)
 - Difference between House Resolution 110 and Senate Joint Resolution 29 is \$1.109 B
 - Difference between GOMB and CGFA is \$171 M

4. Kelly Kraft of GOMB answered commissioners' questions regarding the budget:

- Given the need to trim the budget, GOMB used the following screens to determine which programs can be reduced:
 - Looked at what programs do and do not receive a federal match
 - Worked with agencies to develop budget models
 - Looked at what is required by law to fund
 - Was guided by consent decrees and court orders
 - Determined which programs affect the life, health, and safety of humans
 - Looked at which programs are supported by data
- Pension and Medicaid are squeezing the budget
- The target was to not increase the backlog of bills
 - Looking at \$2.7 B in Medicaid cuts
- Every line item is evaluated individually. Agencies do cost-benefit analyses
- The enhanced rate for developmentally disabled individuals transitioning to the community is \$84,000 per person
- Commissioners suggested that it is not a good justification to decimate mental health spending because there is no federal match

5. Reports from Working Groups

- Eileen Durkin presented updates from the Rebalancing working group
 - The working group established 2 sub groups:
 - Community Capacity and Housing
 - Medicaid and Managed Care
 - The work group discussed the intersection of facility closures and managed care
 - The State needs to coordinate housing supply with an increase in demand
 - The State needs to address mental health and substance abuse housing needs
 - Rebalancing plans should consider housing for the homeless in its plans
- Wendy DuBoe presented updates from the Budgeting for Results working group
 - The working group brainstormed how it could contribute to the BFR process that is already under way
 - During the next meeting, the working group will firm up a plan
 - The working group could solicit feedback regarding outcomes and metrics from the provider community.
 - The working group recommended that the HSC approve following resolution to be sent to the General Assembly:

“Consistent with the recommendation of the Budgeting for Results Commission and adhering to the principles that funding should flow to achieve the priority outcomes for the population of Illinois, we ask both houses of the General Assembly not to establish hard spending caps allocated to each Appropriation committee before the end of the budgeting process. The process should benefit from information provided by the agencies and the affected communities and organizations, and only then should appropriations be allocated in the final budget according to evidence and priorities (as opposed to simply locking in last year's spending levels)."

"If either House decides to establish hard spending caps for categories of appropriations prior to the end of the budgeting process, it should establish separate caps for healthcare and human services."

Nancy Shier motioned to have the HSC approve the resolution. Joe Antolin seconded. The HSC voted to approve the resolution. Sharron Matthews (proxy) and Director Holton (Department on Aging) abstained from voting on the motion.

- Ngoan Le presented updates from the Rationalizing Delivery Systems working group on behalf of Kathy Ryg
 - The working group established 2 sub groups:
 - Service delivery system for children with behavioral health problems and EPSTD
 - Dee Ann Ryan will chair this sub group
 - Program reorganization
 - Some other issues the working group will address:
 - The continuum of care for kids with all disabilities
 - Medicaid match for children in residential facilities

- Custody relinquishment (DCFS)

6. General discussion on human services budget and other initiatives

- Mike Gelder from the Governor's Office asked for input from the commissioners to find solutions to challenges presented due to budget cuts.
- Larry Joseph expressed deep concern about the severity of cuts to mental health services. He believed the state should spread the budget cuts across more state services, including those outside of human services, to restore some mental health funding
- There is a continued need for the state to work on finding solutions to improve services and cost efficiency in delivering services to families who use multiple human services.
- DHS and HFS have been working closely to find technology solution to improve service application and eligibility determination. HFS has done great work to create a new system and the HSC can benefit from learning more about it. HFS offered to provide a presentation on the new system at the next HSC meeting

7. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7.

Meeting is adjourned.

Minutes taken by Robbie Demo